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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL GROUP (AUGMENTED)

From: Brig. Gen. Lansdale *Ed*

Subject: Operation Mongoose, 11-17 May

The following are the significant highlights of Operation Mongoose for the week, in addition to those reported separately by CIA:



Teams. CIA has reported separately on its successful infiltration of a 3-man team into Oriente. This makes a total of four teams now inside Cuba.

Intelligence. It is noted that reports on the construction of underground military facilities in Cuba are now being screened further, within the U. S. intelligence community, before publication in the CIA summary on Cuba. Most reports fail to be confirmed.

May Day. There were meager results from the special effort we made to get incidents and other material, from Latin American May Day celebrations, for use in propaganda aimed at Cuba. While

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Castro had a poor show, himself, the U. S. effort did not appear to rise above the level of its long-term program aimed at labor groups in Latin America.

CRC. State reports that Dr. Miro Cardona apparently has weathered the storm of dissension within the CRC. As a result of his talk with John McCone, apparently Miro's personal storm also was calmed.

Patrols. Defense has submitted a thoughtful study on methods of destroying Cuba's capability to patrol coastal waters. This is being passed to CIA and will be developed between Defense and CIA.

Sanctions. State reports that NATO countries are favorable to denying arms to Cuba, but other sanctions are difficult to arrange. Treasury has extended its embargo which restricts U. S. citizens and alien residents from importing Cuban products.

Information. USIA reports further publication and dissemination of cartoon books in Latin America, about Cuba. They effectively publicize the Castro betrayal of religion, students, labor, and farmers. The program of radio interviews with refugees was curtailed by Immigration authorities in Miami, due to a misunderstanding. The Attorney General corrected the situation.

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